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## The Life of Betty Jensen



The funeral services for Betty Jensen, 88, of Conde will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016, at the United Methodist Church, Conde, with Pastor Thomas Carlson officiating and Loren Siefken presenting the eulogy. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home, Groton.

Betty Jean (Hoops) Jensen passed away peacefully on April 23rd, 2016 with her husband and kids at her side. She was born February 22nd, 1928 to Roy and Helena (Bahr) Hoops at her grandparents' home in Groton. She grew up and attended school in the Ran-



dolph, Ferney and Groton areas, graduating from Groton High School in 1946.

It was through mutual friends while at a baseball game on a Sunday afternoon in Ferney that Betty met the love of her life, Marion Jensen. They were married on June 30th, 1946, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ferney. After their wedding they lived in the Conde, Lily, and Crandall areas before moving what would eventually become their little red house, to Conde. In their 69 years of marriage, they were blessed with four children.

Many remember Betty working at Art's Grocery Store and volunteering with various organizations such as the Conde softball league, Cub Scouts, Sunday School, Conde United Methodist Church, Senior Center, Senior Housing and the Conde Cemetery Association. She received her 60-year pin in 2012 from the Eastern Star where she was a local Chapter Officer and a State Level Officer. In her later years she was active in the James Valley Threshers organization.

Throughout her life, Betty's interests included sewing, cooking, gardening, reading, playing cards, angels, bible study, camping, and traveling and keeping a clean and orderly house. Throughout their many years of marriage, Betty & Marion eventually traveled most of the United States as well as Canada. Many also remember Betty's doll collecting passion. Her collection eventually numbered over 500 and for years she belonged to the Aberdeen Doll Club. It was through Betty's many interests and passions that she went on to make several life-long friendships.

Celebrating Betty Jean Jensen's life are:

HUSBAND: Marion Jensen, Conde

CHILDREN: Douglas (Marie) Jensen, Aberdeen; Vicki Sullivan, Conde; Randall Jensen and Barbara Jensen, Sioux Falls; Steven (Marianne) Jensen, Young America, MN.

SIBLINGS: Delores (Duane) Neumann, Aberdeen; Joanne (Henry) Elsing, Chelsea; Berdeen Fingerlin, Centennial, CO; Ronald (Maralyn) Hoops, Conde; Darrold (Karen) Hoops, Indian Land, SC.

GRANDCHILDREN: Kara (David) Zitnick, Burnsville, MN; Karla (Michael) Hallacy, Littleton, CO; Carl (Kimberly) Jensen, Norman, OK; Ashley Sullivan, Alexandria, VA; Benjamin Sullivan, Alexandria, VA; Elizabeth (Wilber) Cruz, Washington, DC; Sarah (Jason) Hokkanen, Delano, MN; Cassandra (Alex) MacDonald, Rockford, MN.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN: Maxfield and Julian Zitnick, Burnsville, MN; Hazel and Ruby Hallacy, Littleton, CO; Emma and Noah Jensen, Norman, OK; Emily Hokkanen, Delano, MN; Rosemari and Imogin Cruz, Washington, DC

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Helena (Bahr) Hoops and her brother-in-law, Henry Fingerlin. A private burial at the Conde Cemetery will be conducted by the immediate family.

Memorials are requested for the Conde Cemetery Association.

May God accept her with open arms until we all meet again.